

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller*John*

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1. Dick Helms hosted a breakfast for Congressman Peter Rodino of New Jersey. I briefed the Congressman for approximately an hour after breakfast on the organization, mission, and functions of the Agency. He was very receptive and appreciative, and I believe that he is most favorably disposed toward the Agency.

2. Along with fifteen or twenty other senior people at the Deputy Director and slightly lower level, I attended Clement Watson's talk on oral presentation. I was very favorably impressed and believe that he can be of considerable assistance. I think even the cynical were a little surprised that he was not selling graphics per se but talking about oral presentations generally. In fact, he said that he proposed the use of graphics which could be done by a secretary or junior assistant with a T-square and a razor blade.

3. Bud Wheelon buzzed to say that he realized he was overdue on the report about galium, the President's airplane, etc. He asked for an extension of two weeks, which I granted.

4. I interviewed [redacted] who was interested in a job with CIA. (See my memorandum to the Director of Personnel.)

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5. I telephoned William Carey, Executive Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and requested that he treat our memorandum on the details of our personnel investigative apparatus carefully, that he make no copies, and that he return the original to us when it has served its purpose. He agreed to do this.

6. I attended a meeting with Dick Helms, Bud Wheelon, and [redacted] on research and development. I think that we are generally agreed that we must have as a minimum one central coordinating authority in the Agency. We will decide this when Bud and I get back from leave.

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7. The Director buzzed to say that he wanted an analysis made of the qualifications (age, degrees, etc.,) of the new people coming into the Agency and on all charts depicting professionalism he wanted this statistic cranked in to show that our input has as much potential as the old hands.

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8. I talked with [] and later with Dick Helms about the new NRO contract which is apparently about to be signed. This will take Bud Wheelon as an individual out of the overhead reconnaissance business entirely. He has agreed to stay on, however, for the time being. [] has been given the responsibility for supervising CIA's NRO effort, at least for the moment. He has fingered [] [] I agreed to this assignment. Although I had thought of [] as a possible chief of our new planning staff, I must agree that he is the logical candidate for the NRO job, and we can probably find someone else as effective for the planning job.

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